

# Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests and Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management

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### The Future of Your High Desert Public Lands

CENTRAL OREGON—The Prineville District BLM continues its collaborative planning process for the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan with issue team meetings in May and June. The eight issue teams, which help focus community involvement in the plan, will meet at the BLM office in Prineville between May 13-23. On June 6, all eight issue teams will meet at Eagle Crest Resort to discuss the preliminary range of alternatives to be considered in the plan.

The Prineville District BLM is leading the effort to complete the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan (UDRMP), a large-scale plan that will shape the future management of public lands that stretch north to Lake Billy Chinook, south to La Pine, west to Sisters and east to Prineville Reservoir.

“This is an opportunity for people who value public lands to stay involved in the plan as it is forming,” said Prineville District Manager Barron Bail.

The UDRMP planning team is currently working on a preliminary portion of the plan in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will provide a more formal opportunity for public comment this winter.

The issue teams are chartered working groups of the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee and include a wide cross section of federal, tribal and local governments and agencies, special interest groups and other members of local communities. The following dates, times and locations have been identified for issue team meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue Team</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 13	Land Use	10-3	Prineville BLM, 3050 NE 3 <sup>rd</sup> St, Prineville OR 97754
May 14	Health & Safety	10-3	Prineville BLM
May 15	Archaeology	12:30-5	Prineville BLM
May 16	Recreation	10-3	Prineville BLM
May 17	Socio-Economic	9-2	Prineville BLM
May 20	Ecological	10-3	Prineville BLM
May 21	Transport/Access	10-3	Prineville BLM
May 22	Land Ownership	10-5	Prineville BLM
June 6	All Issue Teams	9-3	Eagle Crest Conf Center

The issue team meetings are open to the public, with a brief opportunity for public comment. Check for meeting updates or changes by visiting the BLM website at [http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Deschutes\\_RMP/Home.htm](http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Deschutes_RMP/Home.htm) For further information, contact Virginia Gibbons, Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or call (541) 416-6700.

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